REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1 and 2 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claim 1, the specification and Figure 1 are amended, a new Abstract of the Disclosure is provided and claims 3 and 4 are cancelled.

Applicant wishes to thank Examiner Alexander for recognizing allowable subject matter in claims 1-4.

In the Office Action, acknowledgment was made of Applicant's claim for foreign priority, but the Office Action indicated that a certified copy of the priority document has not been filed. Attached hereto is a copy of Form PCT/IB/304 dated February 22, 2001, from the corresponding PCT application (PCT/EP00/09724) showing that the priority document was received on February 15, 2001. As a result, it is respectfully submitted that no further copy of the priority document need be submitted.

In the Office Action, the drawings were objected to under 37 CFR §1.83(a) based on certain features needing to be shown in the drawings or cancelled from the claims. By this Amendment, Figure 1 is amended to include device 15 that corresponds to the device for activating the infusion piston of claim 1. Paragraph 16 is amended to include reference number 15 to correspond to Figure 1 and, along with paragraph 18, provides support for adding device 15 to Figure 1. Claim 3 is canceled. As a result, it is respectfully requested that the objection be withdrawn.

8

Appl. No. 10/089,863

Amdt. Dated October 21, 2003

Reply to Office Action of May 21, 2003

In the Office Action, the Abstract of the Disclosure was objected to based on the presence

of legal phraseology. By this Amendment, a new abstract is provided. As a result, it is

respectfully requested that the objection be withdrawn.

In the Office Action, the disclosure was objected to based on various informalities. By

this Amendment, the specification is amended to obviate the objection. As a result, it is

respectfully requested that the objection be withdrawn.

In light of the above, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for

allowance. Reconsideration and prompt allowance are respectfully requested.

Should the examiner believe that anything further would place the application in even

better condition for allowance, the examiner is invited to contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: October 21, 2003

Stuart I. Smith

Registration No. 42,159

VENABLE

P.O. Box 34385

Washington, D.C. 20043-9998

Telephone: (202) 962-4800

Telefax: (202) 962-8300

490887

9

PATENT COOPERATION TREATY

PCT

NOTIFICATION CONCERNING SUBMISSION OR TRANSMITTAL OF PRIORITY DOCUMENT

(PCT Administrative Instructions, Section 411)

From the INTERNATIONAL BUREAU

SCHUBERT, Siegmar Dannenberg, Schubert, Gudel Grosse Eschenheimer Str. 39 60313 Frankfurt ALLEMAGNE

IMPORTANT NOTIFICATION
International filing date (day/month/year) 05 October 2000 (05.10.00)
Priority date (day/month/year) 06 October 1999 (06.10.99)

EUGSTER/FRISMAG AG et al

- The applicant is hereby notified of the date of receipt (except where the letters "NR" appear in the right-hand column) by the International Bureau of the priority document(s) relating to the earlier application(s) indicated below. Unless otherwise indicated by an asterisk appearing next to a date of receipt, or by the letters "NR", in the right-hand column, the priority document concerned was submitted or transmitted to the International Bureau in compliance with Rule 17.1(a) or (b).
- This updates and replaces any previously issued notification concerning submission or transmittal of priority documents.
- An asterisk(*) appearing next to a date of receipt, in the right-hand column, denotes a priority document submitted or transmitted to the International Bureau but not in compliance with Rule 17.1(a) or (b). In such a case, the attention of the applicant is directed to Rule 17.1(c) which provides that no designated Office may disregard the priority claim concerned before giving the applicant an opportunity, upon entry into the national phase, to furnish the priority document within a time limit which is reasonable under the circumstances.
- The letters "NR" appearing in the right-hand column denote a priority document which was not received by the International Bureau or which the applicant did not request the receiving Office to prepare and transmit to the International Bureau, as provided by Rule 17.1(a) or (b), respectively. In such a case, the attention of the applicant is directed to Rule 17.1(c) which provides that no designated Office may disregard the priority claim concerned before giving the applicant an opportunity, upon entry into the national phase, to furnish the priority document within a time limit which is reasonable under the circumstances.

Priority date

Priority application No.

Country or regional Office or PCT receiving Office

Date of receipt of priority document

06 Octo 1999 (06.10.99)

299 17 586.3

DE

15 Febr 2001 (15.02.01)

The International Bureau of WIPO 34, chemin des Colombettes 1211 Geneva 20, Switzerland

Authorized officer

G. Bähr

Telephone No. (41-22) 338.83.38

Facsimile No. (41-22) 740.14.35